

Dear Chairs Haskell and Elliot, Vice Chairs Turco and Flexer, Ranking Members Haines and Witkos, and members of the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee,

My name is Aparajita Kaphle I am a student at Yale University. I would like to express my strong support for HB 6374, An Act Concerning Sexual Misconduct on College Campuses. This bill is crucial in creating change regarding transparency and efficiency in addressing sexual misconduct.

Campus climate surveys are a crucial component of violence prevention on college campuses, granting students an outlet to anonymously share their experiences with sexual violence. In fact, a new study on Sexual Citizenship conducted at Columbia University found that students revel in anonymous platforms to share their experiences, often calling this cathartic. These platforms also benefit universities and colleges by granting them the insights and data to understand violence on their campus and thus envision meaningful reform.

Similar requirements have been enacted in Louisiana, Maryland, New York, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. I would love to see Connecticut join the march for change.

Sincerely,  
Aparajita Kaphle